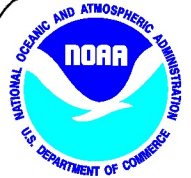
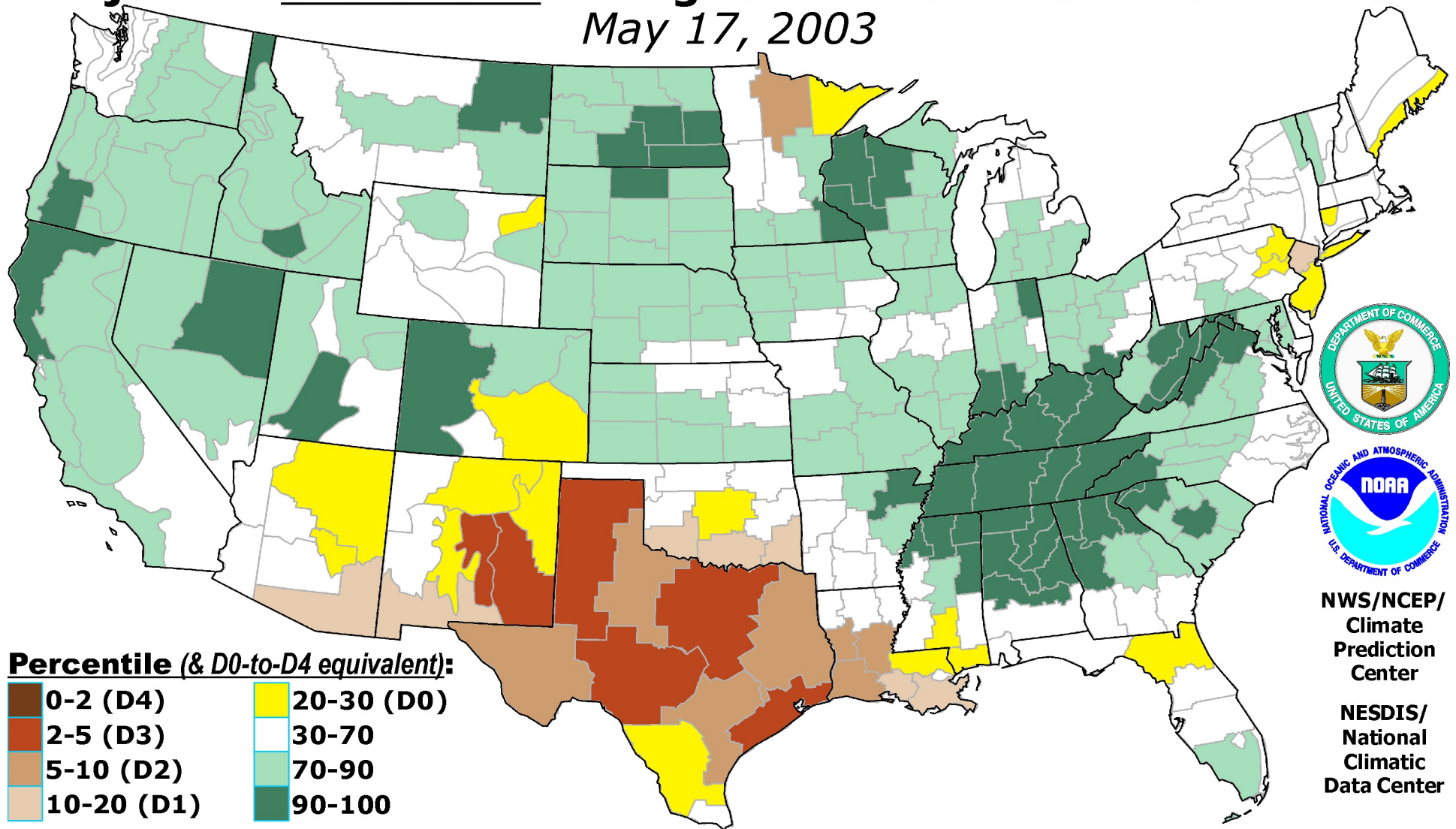


Objective Short-Term Drought Indicator Blend Percentiles

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INPUTS (as Percentiles):

35% Palmer Z-Index
25% 3-Month Precipitation
20% 1-Month Precipitation
13% CPC Soil Model
7% Palmer Drought Index

This map approximates impacts that respond to precipitation over several days to a few months, such as agriculture, topsoil moisture, unregulated streamflows, and most aspects of wildfire danger.

This map is based on preliminary climate division data. Local conditions and/or final data may differ. The relationship between indicators and impacts varies with location and season. Do not interpret this map too literally. See full product description for more details.